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PUC SETS PUBLIC PARTICIPATION HEARINGS REGARDING CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S RATE INCREASE REQUEST

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28, 2004 – The California Public Utilities Commission (PUC) today announced two Public Participation Hearings regarding California-American Water Company's (CalAm) request for an immediate, temporary, emergency rate increase for customers in the uppermost water allotment blocks in Monterey.

WHEN: Friday, July 2, 2004, 2 p.m. **AND** 6 p.m.

WHERE: Monterey Ballroom

Portola Plaza Hotel (formerly the Doubletree Hotel)

2 Portola Plaza, Monterey

CalAm is requesting this increase to encourage reduction of non-essential consumption to avoid possible fines by the State Water Resources Control Board for exceeding the company's annual water production limit. Exceeding that limit could result in severe penalties that might eventually be recovered by rate increases to all Monterey district customers. CalAm anticipates that only heavy users of water for outside watering will be affected by the increased rates. Normal indoor water usage should be unaffected. The increased revenues collected will be retained in a special account to be applied to customers' benefit later.

The Commission encourages members of the public to attend this meeting to express their views on this issue. If you cannot attend, please send written comments to the PUC's Public Advisor at public.advisor@cpuc.ca.gov or PUC Public Advisor, 505 Van Ness Avenue, Room 2103, San Francisco, CA 94102.

If specialized accommodations are needed, such as sign language or foreign language interpreters, please contact the Public Advisor's Office at 415-703-2590, or by TTY at 415-703-5282 or TTY 1-866-836-7825.

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